

# NEWS

### **Illinois Department of Insurance**

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## Illinois Department of Insurance Disciplinary Report for May 2014

**SPRINGFIELD - July 21, 2014.** The Illinois Department of Insurance today announced the following disciplinary actions:

**Angela Belton-Gibson, Chicago** - Navigator In-Person Certificate denied effective May 3, 2014. Ms. Belton-Gibson's application for certification was denied as a result of an investigation that revealed she was convicted of a felony (Forgery) in 2002.

**Tony R. Brown, Chicago** - Insurance producer license revoked effective May 24, 2014. Mr. Brown had been licensed to sell life, health and variable insurance since 1998. The license was revoked based on allegations that Mr. Brown failed to remit premiums to an insurer for multiple consumers and also failed to reveal on his renewal application that his license was revoked in Indiana. The Order of Revocation included a \$5,000 civil penalty.

Harmandus Buckle, Elmwood Park - Insurance producer license suspended effective May 4, 2014. Mr. Buckle has been licensed to sell life and health lines of insurance since 2008. The license was suspended based on certification from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) he was more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order. The suspension will remain in effect until Mr. Buckle proves he has paid the delinquency or has entered into a payment arrangement with HFS.

**Rosalind Coopwood, Chicago** - Navigator In-Person Certificate denied effective May 21, 2014. Ms. Coopwood's application for certification was denied as a result of an investigation that revealed that she was convicted of felonies (Possession of a Controlled Substance; two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver) in 1994 and (Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver) in 2000.

**Larry Credille, Athens** - Insurance producer license voluntarily revoked effective May 27, 2014. Mr. Credille had been licensed to sell life, health and variable lines of insurance since 1985. He accepted the Voluntary Revocation Order to avoid a continued investigation of his insurance related practices. Mr. Credille is no longer able to effect insurance transactions, without violating Illinois Insurance Code and facing felony charges.

**Jackie Cunningham, Roundlake Beach** - Navigator In-Person Certificate denied effective May 13, 2014. Ms. Cunningham's application for certification was denied pursuant to a Director's Order regarding Hearing No. 13-HR-0978 after an investigation which revealed she was convicted of several felonies (Retail Theft) in 1997, 1999, 2002 2005 and (Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance) in 2001. The Order, which sustained a previous letter of denial, also required she pay \$296.00 in hearing costs.

**Andre Davis, Bartlett** - Insurance producer license suspended effective May 4, 2014. Mr. Davis has been licensed to sell life and health lines of insurance since 2011. The license was suspended based on certification from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) he was more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order. The suspension will remain in effect until Mr. Davis proves he has paid the delinquency or has entered into a payment arrangement with HFS.

**Michael A. Desormeaux, Cape Girardeau, MO** - Insurance producer license revoked effective May 28, 2014. Mr. Desormeaux had been licensed to sell life and health lines insurance since 2013. The license was revoked based on an investigation that revealed he pled no contest to a misdemeanor (Simple Battery) in 2006 and failed to reveal the crime on his application for a license. He also failed to facilitate and aid the Director in the investigation. The Order of Revocation included a \$1,000 civil penalty.

**Michael Farnsworth, Springfield** - Insurance producer license suspended effective May 24, 2014. Mr. Farnsworth has been licensed to sell life, health and variable insurance since 2008. The license was suspended based on certification from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) that he was more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order. The suspension will remain in effect until Mr. Farnsworth proves he has paid the delinquency or has entered into a payment arrangement with HFS.

**Geysha Gonzalez, Downers Grove** - Insurance producer license revoked effective May 28, 2014. Ms. Gonzalez had been licensed to sell fire and casualty insurance since 2013. The license was revoked based on an investigation that alleged she misused insurance scores to underwrite and rate insurance policies. Ms. Gonzalez failed to facilitate and aid the Director in the investigation and failed to inform of a change of address. The Order of Revocation included a \$5,000 civil penalty.

**Michael R. Kopec, West Dundee** - Public adjuster license denied effective May 7, 2014. Mr. Kopec's application for license was denied as a result of an investigation that revealed he was convicted of misdemeanors (Retail Theft) in 1998 and (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia) in 2002 and failed to report them on the application for a license. Mr. Kopec was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty.

**Stephanie Pyatt, Crown Point, IN** - Navigator In-Person Certificate denied effective May 21, 2014. Ms. Pyatt's application for certification was denied pursuant to a Director's Order regarding Hearing No. 13-HR-1020 after an investigation which revealed she failed to reveal the 2013 revocation of her insurance producer license on the application for navigator certification. The Order, which sustained a previous letter of denial, also required she pay \$247.65 in hearing costs.

James Lee Towers, Olympia Fields - Insurance producer license revoked effective May 28, 2014. Mr. Towers had been licensed to sell life, health and fire insurance since 2002. The license was revoked based on an investigation that showed a pattern of financial irresponsibility in the handling of consumer premiums and improperly withholding collected premiums due an insurer or other Licensee. The Order of Revocation included a \$1,500 civil penalty.

**Nhan Vo, Skokie** - Insurance producer license denied effective May 12, 2014. Mr. Vo's application for license was denied pursuant to a Director's Order regarding Hearing No. 13-HR-1004 after an investigation which revealed he was convicted of a felony (Aggravated Battery) in 1992. The Order, which sustained a previous letter of denial, also required he pay \$194.50 in hearing costs.

**David Wisely, Benton** - Insurance producer license revoked effective May 21, 2014. Mr. Wisely had been licensed to sell life, health, fire, casualty and variable lines insurance since 1987. The license was revoked based on an investigation that alleged he submitted five insurance forms and one policy loan form that contained nongenuine signatures. The Order of Revocation included a \$3,000 civil penalty.

#### More Information

The Department's mission is to protect consumers by providing assistance and information, by efficiently regulating the insurance industry's market behavior and financial solvency, and by fostering a competitive insurance marketplace. The Illinois Department of Insurance assists consumers with all insurance complaints, including health, auto, life, and homeowner. Consumers in need of information or assistance should visit the Department's web site at insurance.illinois.gov or call our toll-free hotline at (866) 445-5364.

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